

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | Sunday, May 8, 2022

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you haven't already, please consider signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our service begins by invoking the name of the one who claimed us in Baptism. These opening sentences shift our attention away from ourselves and the distractions of the world onto the one whom we gather to hear from through His precious Word and Sacraments.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God who breathed this world alive and sustains it day by day; who flung planets into space and named the stars says,

C: "Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

P: The God who filled the ocean depths and set tides on their way; who caused mountains to be raised up and a rainbow to appear in the sky says,

C: "I have called you by name, you are mine."

P: The God who made the fertile earth and gives seed to sow within; whose hand calls forth the morning dew and creates the evening sky says,

C: "You are precious in my sight."

P: God, whose love reaches to the heavens; whose mercy is as tall as mountains.

C: God, whose justice is deeper than any ocean. God, whose grace flows like a river, we worship you always. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Come, Thou Almighty King.....RECLAIM No. 247

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

As an assembly of sinners, we come before God each Sunday morning to admit our faults, failures, and guilt. The word of absolution speaks the Gospel into our ears and assures that because of Christ's death at Calvary, every one of our sins is covered.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

THE HYMN OF GLORY

These words are a response to the gracious and steadfast mercy of God, who pours out his love on undeserving sinners. Together we lift our voices in a song of praise to the trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – for the gift of salvation and new life.



1. God, Fa - ther we will raise your name; we wor-ship and a - dore, We
2. Sing, "Glo - ry be to you, O Lord; to you, O Christ be praise. The
3. O glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Spi-rit ev - er be! God,



bless and praise and give our thanks; your mer - cry we im - plore.
lamb of love from hea'vn a - bove, re - dee - mer of our race.

bring your life a-midst our strife, and reign triumphant - ly.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

All: **Shepherding God, draw us into the pasture of your grace, make us whole through the blood of the lamb, and keep us mindful that through your gift eternal life in Christ we shall not want; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 20:17-35 (ESV)

As Paul continued his missionary journey, he yearned to arrive in Jerusalem. From Miletus he summoned the elders of the Ephesian church to come to him. He urged them to take good care of the flock in Ephesus and not to shrink from potential persecutions.

¹⁷Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who

are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23 (ESV)

Sheep know who their shepherd is, and they know his voice by heart. This familiar psalm reminds us that the Lord brings to us goodness, mercy, and life.

R: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

R: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17 (ESV)

In a vision, John saw an image of all tribes and nations bowing before the Lamb of God and singing his praises. As they waved palm branches before his throne, they worshiped and adored Him along with all the angels.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great

tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1. O_ Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis- dom from on
high, O_ Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O
Light of_ our dark sky: we praise you for the ra - diance that
from the hal - lowed page, a lan - tern to our
foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-30 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 10th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not

among my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Stranger Danger

HYMN OF THE DAY: The King of Love My Shepherd Is.....RECLAIM No. 198

OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE

As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below each staff.

1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Having heard the Word of God, we respond with these words. By confessing one of the Church's most ancient and historic creeds, we express our unity in the faith; the same faith the universal body of Christ has confessed throughout countless generations of believers.

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends with the words *Lord, in your mercy*. Respond by saying *Hear our prayer*.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Savior, Like a Shepherd.....RECLAIM No. 205

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Portions of today's service were written by Rev. Cathy Ammlung

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	May 8	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	May 9	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	May 10	6:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	May 11	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:15pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	May 12	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	May 15	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. To learn more about our association of churches please visit www.lcmc.net.

Tithes and Offerings: Thank-you for your generous financial gifts to further the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church. An offering plate is located in the narthex.

Friendship Pad: Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the friendship pad at the end of your pew before the service begins or during announcements. This allows us to fully appreciate those with us in worship and better connect with our guests.

The **Mankato Riverblenders Men's Choir** is looking for new members! If you are interested in joining this group you are invited to join them for an informational meeting on either May 16th, June 7th, July 5th or August 2nd at 6:00pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Contact Carl Schoenstedt at 351-0587 with questions.

The Stewardship Committee along with the Resurrection Lutheran Church Council would like to extend their **appreciation to the congregation** for the continued support of the roofing and window capital campaign projects. Every dollar raised for these vital updates ensures that our faith family will be able to gather safely in this beautiful space for generations to come. Further, every extra dollar raised above and beyond what is needed for the repairs will go toward ongoing maintenance of the building along with debt reduction. Your generosity is noticed and appreciated!

The 2022 **Bethany Lutheran College Commencement** will be held this Friday, May 13th at 10:30am at the Ronald S. Younge Gymnasium. Associate member of Resurrection Lutheran Church Thomas Fu is a part of this year's graduating class.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

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